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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * October 5—Shred-It event at Ward 2 office
- * Fall schedule for Udall Park concerts is out. See page 4 for details
- * Town hall meeting on ballot propositions is coming up. See page 5 for details.

We are off of our summer schedule now, which may make a few of you ask why we didn't meet on Tuesday.

Earlier this year, the Mayor proposed that we go to a two meetings a month schedule. The idea is that it will give us more time to study the issues that come before us and more time for us as individuals to meet with the public.

The drawback is that it doesn't decrease the amount of business before us. We will be in for some long meetings.

We'll see how well it works. If any of you have an opinion on this, please feel free to contact my office.

This Tuesday's meeting will feature a proposed increase in VanTran fares. The plan calls for eliminating the low income fare for VanTran services. Technically, it isn't an increase, but in reality, it means a rider that has been paying \$1 will now be paying the regular fare of \$3. Not all VanTran riders qualify as low income, but nearly two-thirds do. It isn't much money for a lot of us, but a

six dollar ride back and forth to the doctor for people unable to work due to a disability is a big deal.

SunTran has been doing some things right on the fiscal end lately. They have found \$2 million in savings in their operation by laying off management staff and finding other efficiencies. They still have to find revenue somewhere. My colleagues on the council, who for good reasons didn't want to raise fares on the working men and women who ride the bus, told SunTran to look elsewhere for new revenue. Unfortunately, the burden has fallen entirely on the riders of VanTran.

I've talked to my colleagues and the Bus Riders Union about an across the board fare increase. I don't imagine that everyone will be happy with it, but it is fairer if everyone pays a small hike. I'm not comfortable making the blind, wheel chair bound and mentally challenged the only people who have to pay more.

As any of you who read the paper last Wednesday morning know, the primary

election was a snoozer. The general election will not only feature two important contests for council, but also several ballot issues that are critical. They can be confusing, so I'm holding a town hall meeting here at the Ward 2 office on September 25 at 5:30 pm to discuss the ballot issues.

Also, while you are marking your calendars, I'm having another shredding event here at my office on October 5. The trucks from Shred-It will be here from 8 until 11. Bring your old documents and we'll shred them for you. All we ask is a donation, either \$5 per box or the equivalent amount of food, for the Tucson Community Food Bank.

On that same day in our complex, the Sheriff's Department will be putting on another Dispose-a-Med. If you've been looking for a way to get rid of those expired prescriptions but wanted to do it safely, bring them down.

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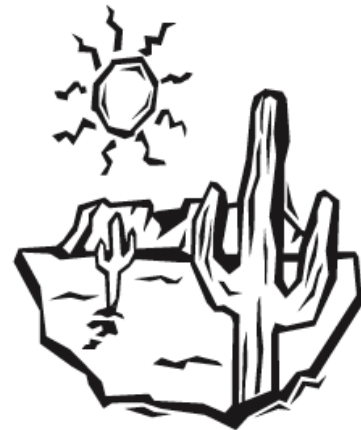
It was a short week due to Labor Day, so I'll keep this week's note short. Have a fantastic weekend.



READY OR HOT

On Saturday, Sept. 21, nationally and internationally known speakers will share the latest information about climate change and specific impacts in the Southwest related to public health, adaptation, preparedness, and cross border and cross cultural issues. In the afternoon, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in workshops to prepare and respond to climate change adaptation.

The conference runs from 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM, at the Tucson Convention Center meeting rooms. The cost of just \$35 (\$15 for current students) includes access to speaker sessions, workshops, exhibitions, and includes a free buffet lunch and free on site parking. Visit www.psr.org/azclimate to register.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a "mobile" event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For

more information, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw or call 888-6947

IMPORTANT: Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 council office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

1st Saturday: Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

2nd Saturday:

September: Himmel Park, 1000 N Tucson Blvd

October: TOPSC Lower Lot, 4004 S Park Ave

SHREDDING EVENTS

2013 will mark the 6th year the Pima County Sheriff's Department has provided this valuable service free-of-charge to the community. All confirmed event dates are on Saturdays, and all shredding events will run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- September 14 at Kino Sports Complex- 2500 E. Ajo Way
- November 16 at Empire High School- 10701 E. Maryann Cleveland Way

Ward 2's semiannual Shred-It event will be here at our office at 7575 E Speedway on October 5 from 8 to 11.

The event is free, but we are asking for people to bring either a food donation or \$5 for the Tucson Community Food Bank per box that they bring in.



HOME WATER AUDIT

Whether temps soar to 106° or plunge to 23°, being water efficient is important every day of the year. Tucson Water offers free expert advice to help you conserve water, stop leaks and reduce utility bills.

A water efficiency expert from the Tucson Water Zanjero Program will visit your home, review water-use

habits, check water fixtures and irrigation systems and install free faucet aerators and showerheads, if needed. Customers also receive a survey of their water use. You must be at home during the two hour Zanjero visit.

For nearly 17 years, Zanjeros have helped Tucson Water customers use

water more efficiently inside and outside the home. Schedule your free Zanjero visit today via e-mail TW_web@tucsonaz.gov or phone 520 791-3242

TEP PARTNERS

Lower your electricity bill by tracking your power use! TEP is enrolling participants on a first come first serve basis to join an energy monitoring project to help you save on your electricity bill.

Enroll now by visiting enroll.teppowerpartners.com and sign up while spaces last. You will be contacted by a representative to schedule

your installation. A technician will set up and install equipment at your home and show you how to track your use and see your energy savings online.

This program is a free-of-cost pilot program to help TEP customers save electricity and money, so sign up while there's still time! Learn more and sign up by visiting

enroll.teppowerpartners.com.

UDALL CENTER PROGRAMS

The Carol West Senior Addition will host its 50+ Senior Health and Wellness Fair on September 19, 2013 from 11 a.m.-1:00 pm. The event will include 24+ exhibitors, refreshments, door prizes, presentations and more. Contact 791-4121 for more information.

Seniors will have an opportunity to enjoy a trip to the Presidio San Agustin de Tucson on Thursday, September 26, 2013. Departure from the Carol West Senior Addition is at 9:15 a.m. and returning at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$3.00 per person. The field trip also includes lunch

at the La Cocina Restaurant, and seniors are responsible for their own lunch cost. Contact the Carol West Senior Addition at 791-4121 for more information.



ARIZONA SYMPHONIC WINDS/TUCSON POPS ORCHESTRA

Come out to the park and enjoy music under the stars! The Symphonic Winds Fall concert series begins September 14 at the Laszlo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park, 7200 E Tanque Verde. Other concert dates include; September 21, 28 and October 5. The concerts start at 7 pm.

mance Center (OPC) in Reid Park on September 22 and 29. The concerts begin at 7 pm.



The Tucson POPS Orchestra will perform at the DeMeester Outdoor Perfor-

FALL LEISURE CLASSES

The Fall Leisure Classes started August 26 and run through November 23. Registration is taking place now for Session 2 with classes beginning in October. The deadline to register for session 1 has past and the deadline was Sunday, August 18th. Contact Registration Services at 791-4877 for additional information or visit www.ezeereg.com

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TOWN HALL MEETING

Ward 2 will be hosting a town hall meeting on this November's ballot propositions on September 25. City staff will be available to explain the impacts of the various propositions.

The meeting will be at the office at 7575E Speedway and will start at 5:30 pm.



Shanah Tovah!



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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on September 10. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

